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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of : Gerhard HARTWICH and Adam HELLER
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For : METHOD FOR THE ELECTROCHEMICAL
DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACID OLIGOMER
HYBRIDS
Group Art Unit : 1637
Examiner : Jezia RILEY
Docket : PATKRI P01AUS

The Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office
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RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

The Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of term, attached hereto, thereby extending the term for response to and including **June 25, 2004**.

[XXX] A check for the fees indicated below, based upon the Applicant's entity status, accompanies this response.	
PETITION FOR 1-MONTH EXTENSION OF TERM	\$55
TOTAL	\$55

In response to the official action mailed February 25, 2004, please enter the following before reconsideration of this application.

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 38-43 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter therein.
Please enter new claims 84-88 and amend claims 56, 58, 59 and 60 as follows in which the claim additions are shown by underlining and/or the claim deletions are shown by strikeout.
Please enter the amended claims into the record of this case.